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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation continued over the period 21 to 30 November 1995.

21 November 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 67 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. On 21 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1145 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1310 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1440 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1610 hours.

22 November 1995

1. Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Artawi, Busayyah, Qal'at Salih and Jalibah.

23 November 1995

1. Southern region: 51 sorties, flown at 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

2. On 23 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1025 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1145 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1325 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1445 hours.

24 November 1995

Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

25 November 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Mosul.

2. Southern region: 63 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Chabaish, Qurnah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3. On 25 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0910 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1015 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1145 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1300 hours.

26 November 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Qurnah and Jalibah.

3. On 26 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0957 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1205 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1315 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1515 hours.

27 November 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 27 November 1995, four United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0845 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1018 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1010 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1140 hours.

- The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1140 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1240 hours.

- The fourth flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1155 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1310 hours.

28 November 1995

1. Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Aqrah and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 68 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Artawi, Qurnah, Amarah, Shatrah, Nasiriyah, Samawah and Ushbayjah.

3. At 1250 hours on 28 November 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1407 hours.

29 November 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 71 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Jalibah and Artawi.

30 November 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 77 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. On 30 November 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

- The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0850 hours and departed in the direction of Kuwait at 1012 hours.

- The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1140 hours and departed in the direction of Kuwait at 1310 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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